GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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IMPROVEMENT IN FCI
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering a proposal to revamp the working of the Food Corporation of India (FCI) to make it commercially viable and socially responsible organisation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to give more autonomy to FCI; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The Government is considering a proposal to conduct a study on the working of the Food Corporation of India (FCI) to bring about major improvements in its functioning to control inefficiencies that increase the food subsidy burden.

(c)&(d): The Government will take a view on granting greater operational autonomy to FCI after receipt of the recommendations of the proposed study.